GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5601
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SHIFTING OF SOUTH WEST AIR COMMAND
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether South West Air Command of Air Force has been shifted from Jodhpur, Rajasthan to Gandhidham;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Jodhpur district of Rajasthan is not safe in view of threat being posed by Pakistan; and

(d) if so, facts thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI U.V. KRISHNAM RAJU)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Head Quarters, South Western Air Command (HQ SWAC) has been relocated from Jodhpur to Gandhinagar for effective command and control over its units. Gandhinagar is more centrally located in the area of operations of HQ SWAC as compared to Jodhpur, which is located towards the northern limits of jurisdiction of HQ SWAC.

(c) & (d): Jodhpur is located approximately 100 km from the nearest point on the international border and has adequate security arrangements.